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16 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DP Division

SUBJECT : Elint Requirements for Collection by [REDACTED] 25X1A

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for DD/P, dated 12 March 1959, same subject. (SC-01155/59)
B. Memorandum for DD/P, dated 12 March 1959, same subject. (SC-01156/59)

1. I have read the references and it would seem to me you have made a very good start on the problem. I concur with your recommendation in Reference A, that we undertake a review of the requirements for [REDACTED]. I would, however, suggest certain minor changes in the procedure you propose and have not signed the draft pending your reaction to these suggestions of mine. 25X1A

2. The suggestions are: (a) That since the review is to be under the auspices of the DD/P, the letter be for my signature. (b) That the mechanism of the ARC be used for this review. (c) That prior to the dispatch of the letter, you informally sound out the other interested consumers to determine whether the use of the ARC mechanism would be acceptable to them.

25X1A 3. My reasons for making these suggestions are probably self-evident. As to the first, I would like to preserve without infringement the character of [REDACTED]. As such, I believe the consideration of requirements should not be raised to the level of the D/DCI or the DCI which might imply that this was in some sense a community-wide capability. As to the second suggestion, I not only question the wisdom of establishing another ad hoc committee but have in mind that there would be some advantage to considering the requirements for [REDACTED] in a continuing committee which is, however, under our control and chairmanship. For this purpose I prefer the ARC to the interdepartmental Intelligence Priorities Committee since the former has procedures and determines requirements in formats suitable for air operations. The reason for my third suggestions is I think self-evident.

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4. Although the ARC should probably concern itself only with Elint or other reconnaissance requirements, you, the Chief DP Division and the Chief FE Division must weigh all of the factors quoted in paragraph 4, of Reference A. in arriving at a view as to what our course of action should be. I would like to have your views and a recommendation. It will be most helpful to have it in time for discussions with the [REDACTED] who arrives here 17 March. 25X1A

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For my info, are we using the "C" code word for [REDACTED] I noted it was used on Reference A.

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